

# IT'S HAPPENING AT STATE

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**NDSU**

## Science & Math dean, library director searches continued

Search committees for dean of the College of Science and Mathematics and director of the NDSU Libraries will continue after initial efforts were unsuccessful in concluding the searches.

Craig Schnell, vice president for academic affairs, has asked each committee to continue their efforts with the goal of having a new dean and director in place by July 1, 2000.

"It is unfortunate that, for a variety of reasons, we were unable to conclude these searches," said Schnell. "In each case, however, I am pleased that we had candidates who found the resources and opportunities at NDSU to be highly attractive."

Richard Bovard will continue to serve as interim Libraries director and Thomas Riley, dean of arts, humanities and social sciences, will continue as library search committee chair. Kevin McCaul will continue as interim science and math dean while Virginia Clark, dean of human development and education, continues as chair of that search committee.

## NDSU tuition set for coming academic year

The State Board of Higher Education on April 29 approved a 5 percent increase in tuition charges at NDSU for the coming academic year. A resident full-time undergraduate student will pay \$2,480, while a resident part-time undergraduate student will pay \$103.33 per credit hour.

Resident full-time graduate student tuition will be \$2,690, and part-time graduate students will be charged \$112.08 per credit hour.

Nonresident full-time undergraduate tuition will be \$6,622. Because of reciprocity agreements, Minnesota students will pay \$2,511. Students from South Dakota, Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will have a tuition of \$3,720.

Fees will be \$406 for full-time undergraduate and graduate students, or \$16.92 per credit hour for part-time students.

"We feel very good that our tuition is staying reasonable. The increase is not out of line," said Kate Haugen, associate dean for enrollment management. "If we can keep that going, it is another bonus that we can promote for an NDSU degree."

The tuition structure includes a new incentive program for non-resident dependents and spouses of graduates of schools in the North Dakota University System. It allows qualifying students to attend a North Dakota institution at a tuition rate of 150 percent of the resident tuition rate, plus all applicable fees. It applies to students newly enrolled for the fall 1999 term or later.

"This a wonderful plan. It is a nice message to our alumni that we value them and want to stay connected with them," Haugen said. "It's going to help get the word out to dependents of alumni of all North Dakota institutions, encouraging them to return to the state for school. It will impact us most in the states that, at this point, don't have other reciprocity options. Hopefully, we can make some inroads and there will be some good opportunities to promote this with our alumni."

### Summer publication schedule for 'It's Happening'

This will be the last weekly issue of "It's Happening at State" until next fall. June and July will each have one issue, and regular weekly publication will resume Aug. 18.

The deadline for submission to the summer issues will be June 10 for the June 16 issue and July 8 for the July 14 issue.

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### Next Issue

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## NDSU gets high marks for telecommunications conference

Between 550 and 600 people participated in last week's telecommunications technology conference, sponsored by Sen. Byron Dorgan, NDSU, the Red River Trade Council and the University of North Dakota. The day-and-a-half conference was held at NDSU and featured nationally known speakers Marc Andreessen, senior vice president of America Online, and FCC Commissioner Michael Powell.

Managing a large conference during finals week had anticipated and unanticipated challenges, including a fiber optic cable cut in South Dakota which temporarily stopped internet communications outside the state.

"I certainly wish to express my appreciation to all the staff and faculty who worked to make it so successful, including Lisa Nordick, Bonnie Neas, Nyra Thornton, and the people from physical plant and food services. I also want to thank everyone on the campus who volunteered, cooperated with parking or may have been inconvenienced in some way. Our guests were impressed with our campus and our friendly atmosphere. Thanks again," said Interim President Allan G. Fischer.



Participants visit exhibitor booths during the Telecommunications Technology in North Dakota conference May 4-5. Workshops and speakers explored the role of telecommunication and information technologies in agriculture, e-commerce, education and health care.

## Valleyfair tickets available at the Office of Human Resources

Reduced-price Valleyfair tickets are now available to faculty and staff of NDSU at the Office of Human Resources, 205 Old Main. Prices for adult tickets are \$20.85, a \$5.10 savings off the regular admission price of \$25.95. Tickets for children 4 years old and up to 48 inches tall are \$6.95, which is not a discount price. Children three and under are free.

Other benefits available to faculty and staff at NDSU:

### Discount movie tickets

Ticket prices are \$5.50, 50 cents off the regular box office price, and may be used at Century 7, Safari 7 and West Acres 12 theaters. Please show your faculty/staff ID card at the time of purchase.

### Magic Kingdom Club membership

Membership cards may be picked up at the Office of Human Resources.

For more information regarding these benefits, visit the NDSU Web site at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/human-resources/discount.htm#movie](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/human-resources/discount.htm#movie) or contact Jill Langston at 1-8961.

## People

### Vernon Feil to retire

Vernon Feil is retiring after 33 years as a research chemist at the USDA Biosciences Research Laboratory. He also has served as an adjunct professor in the NDSU chemistry department.

Throughout his career Feil has been active in the local chapters of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi and the North Dakota Academy of Science. His last day of work will be May 21.

## McCourt to lead University Senate, Jacobson named presiding officer-elect

The gavel for presiding officer of the University Senate was passed May 3 to Mark McCourt, professor of psychology, by outgoing presiding officer Jeffery Gerst, professor of zoology. Sarah Jacobson, associate professor of management in the College of Business Administration, was selected as presiding officer-elect.

"I'll have the opportunity to see more of what is happening on campus," said McCourt, who will lead his first meeting on Sept. 13. "I'll be able to keep my finger on the pulse of the institution, and hopefully serve as a conduit of information to and from the faculty, staff, students and administration."

Among his priorities, McCourt said he'd like to encourage informational forums for faculty and local legislators during the coming academic year. "The non-legislative session years might be the best time for these because tensions are generally running lower," he said. "I'd like to try to build some bridges between our faculty and the legislature." He said he would also like to help incoming NDSU President Joseph Chapman become acquainted with the campus.

Jacobson, who will become presiding officer in Sept. 2000, said she will use the coming year to learn more about the way in which the University Senate and its committees operate and better understand the university's priorities. "I'm surprised and pleased to be elected," she said. "I look forward to working with all the good people in the University Senate over the next couple of years. The first year is going to be a very big learning year for me."

## School of Education faculty and students attend conference

Four faculty and six graduate students in the School of Education recently attended the American Counseling Association World Conference in San Diego.

Wade Hannon, associate professor of education, was nominated to be a presidential candidate for the Counseling Association of Humanistic Education and Development.

Bob Nielsen, associate professor and counseling coordinator, presented a lecture on counselor licensure in the United States and was involved in a round table discussion regarding national testing for counselors.

Loren Sauer, associate professor of education, participated in the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors business meeting and was the North Dakota member at the group's State Presidents' meeting.

Jim Wigtil, professor of education, chaired the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Network meeting for program administrators and the roundtable of counselor education department chairs.

A reception sponsored by the dean's office of the College of Human Development and Education was held for alumni and current students.

## Farewell reception planned for Wanda Overland



**Overland**

A farewell reception for Wanda Overland, assistant dean for student life and director of Memorial Union, is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 20 in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. A program is planned for 3 p.m. Overland has accepted the position of assistant vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Bowling Green State University, Ohio.

Overland holds bachelor's and master's degrees from NDSU and served as director of student organization and leadership development at NDSU for seven years before pursuing her doctorate at Bowling Green. She returned to NDSU in 1995 and has served in her current capacity ever since. She will start her new position in June.

## Wanda Kapaun to leave NDSU



**Kapaun**

Wanda Kapaun, assistive technology specialist, will leave NDSU May 15, after 15 years of employment.

Kapaun started working at NDSU in 1984 as a student affairs faculty development coordinator. She taught courses for the School of Education in career planning, study skills, and reading improvement for 13 years. She served as a campus resource in the use of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator for 10 years.

She served as interim coordinator of Disability Services in 1992-93. Kapaun wrote grants and obtained equipment to establish and maintain a technology lab for students with vision, hearing, learning, physical, and psychiatric disabilities. It became a collaborative venture of Disability Services, Information Technology Services, and TRIO Programs Student Support Services. She was president of Staff Senate in 1996-97 and a staff senator between 1992-1998.

Kapaun earned a bachelor's degree at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology from Moorhead State University.

## NDSU study to explore regional 'land ethic'

An upcoming study by Mark Meister, assistant professor of communication, will examine the regional "land ethic" in North Dakota and western Minnesota. The research in June will explore participants' perspectives on environmental and quality of life issues.

"My intention is to get together a diverse group of people from our region, including agriculturists, industrialists, recreationists and environmentalists," Meister said. "I'd like to get together the entire scope of people who are involved with the environment in some way, whether it be in farming, gardening, manufacturing, hiking or biking. I'd like to even include people who are not interested in the environment."

Meister expects a total of 50 to 80 people to participate in three study sessions. The June 7 discussion will focus on natural resource issues in our region. The session on June 9 will be on quality of life issues. The topic on June 11 will be "What constitutes a 'good life' for our region?"

The study will use the facilities at NDSU's Group Decision Center, which is a network of 24 computers linked by software enabling concurrent and immediate sharing of ideas.

"In talking with people from the region, there seems to be conflict between farmers, recreationists, ranchers and environmentalists. The intention of the study is to get these people together and have an anonymous, criticism-free discussion about the environment and quality of life issues in our region. The Group Decision Center provides this type of context for discussion," Meister said. "Research indicates there is a common connection among people and the places, landscapes and geographies they share. In short, there exists a 'land ethic.' What keeps us apart from this common 'land ethic' is our language, and how we shape that language based on whether we are a farmer, politician, business person or environmentalist."

Meister has asked farm and environmental groups to take part; contacted colleagues at NDSU, Concordia College and Moorhead State University; and sent invitations to people randomly selected from telephone books and directories. Other persons interested in participating may contact Meister at 1-7635.

Meister hopes the study is the first step in the establishment of a Regional Environmental Studies Initiative. He envisions the project seeking outside funding sources to conduct both research and outreach on behalf of NDSU.

## Papers presented at Academy of Sciences meeting

*Due to incomplete information provided, individuals were misidentified in the following story in the May 5 issue of It's Happening at State. The corrected version is as follows:*

Several animal and range science students presented papers at the 91st annual meeting of the North Dakota Academy of Sciences April 15, in Grand Forks.

The papers were written by faculty and students in the department. Those presented at the conference included "Estrogen receptors and size of uterine arterioles in ovariectomized, steroid-treated ewes," by Dale A. Redmer, and Larry P. Reynolds, professors of animal and range science; Mary Lynn Johnson, assistant professor of biology and chemistry, Moorhead State University; Kim Kraft, research specialist; and Holly Berginski, student.

Also presented were "Follicular development and oocyte retrieval in non-treated and FSH-treated ewes with synchronized estrus," and "Ovulation rate and in vitro fertilization in non-treated and FSH-treated ewes with synchronized estrus," both by Redmer; Reynolds; Berginski; Anna T. Grazul-Bilska, assistant professor of animal and range science; Tande Stenbak and Michelle J. Toutges, graduate students; and Amy Erickson, student.

Berginski, Erickson and Stenbak competed in the student research paper competition. Stenbak won first place in the graduate student competition, and Berginski and Erickson won second place in the undergraduate competition. Both Berginski and Erickson are scholars of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program.

## Events

### Alumni Center to hold open house

The NDSU Alumni Association and Development Foundation are hosting an Alumni Center open house for the NDSU campus from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18. Faculty and staff can tour the new facility and learn more about the services available to the campus and community.

Watch for an invitation in campus mail this week. If you have any questions, call Teresa Helfter Glover at 1-6800.

### Salary broadbanding information sessions scheduled

Mike Sandal, North Dakota University System, will be holding two open sessions regarding salary broadbanding. The first session is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 25. The second session is planned for 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, May 26. Both sessions will be in the Memorial Union Century Theater.

## Satellite conference to focus on new copyright act

A satellite conference on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and its impact on the U.S. Copyright Law is planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21, in the Memorial Union Prairie Rose Room. No fee or registration is required. The conference is locally sponsored by the Tri-College libraries.

The copyright act has implications for higher education. The new law requires that educational institutions educate their communities about the copyright law and develop processes for collecting information to ensure the long-term protection of fair use. Also, Congress directed the Copyright Office to study how digital technology could be used to promote distance education and could result in further changes to the law. More information is available on the Internet at [www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/dmca.html](http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/dmca.html).

## Special Olympics seeks volunteers

The Special Olympics State Summer Games are scheduled for June 4-5 in the Bison Sports Arena and Ellig Sports Complex. Volunteers are needed to help in many areas including staging, presenting awards, officiating, distributing meals and other duties.

The North Dakota Special Olympics is a year-round program of sports training competition for athletes with mental retardation. The summer games is the culmination of months of practice for the athletes.

Anyone interested in volunteering may call 293-6462.

## Shorts and Reminders

### Union Food Court

Summer hours of operation Monday - Friday

Cafe Espresso	7 a.m.-2 p.m.
Union Food Court	7 a.m.-2 p.m. (includes the Corner Deli, Roll On In Bakery, and a self-serve soup station serving two soups per day)
Pizza Express	11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
The Outside Grill I (beginning June 7)	1 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

### Specials for May 13-19

Soup of the Day  
During the summer, it's cooks' choice for soup

### The Corner Deli

Thursday: ham  
Friday: corned beef  
Monday: chicken  
Tuesday: roast beef  
Wednesday: ham salad

### More Than a Burger

Thursday: cheeseburger  
Friday: fish sandwich  
Monday: cheeseburger  
Tuesday: mushroom Swiss burger  
Wednesday: broiled chicken

\*Items are subject to change without notice.

Call the Dining Services Lunch Line daily at 1-9501 for soup of the day and food court specials.

Questions or comments may be dropped in the suggestion boxes located in each dining center and the Union Food Court or you can call Kim at the Union Dining Center and Catering office at 1-8122.

### Open positions

Positions open and their closing dates through the Office of Human Resources, Room 205, Old Main:

Administrative Secretary II/#1870  
Carrington Research/Extension Center  
\$15,000+/year  
May 17

Community Forestry Assistant/#4899  
Carrington, Lisbon or Walhalla, N.D.  
\$15,312+/year  
June 1

Reference and Educational Services Librarian/#540  
Libraries-Research Services  
\$30,000+/year  
May 15

Aquaculture Specialist  
Carrington Research Extension Center  
\$25,000+/year  
May 20

Director, Memorial Union/#4204  
Memorial Union  
Salary: Commensurate with education and experience  
June 4

Community Forestry Specialist/#4905  
North Dakota Forest Service, Bismarck, N.D.  
\$24,732+/year  
June 4

Position openings are also available through the NDSU Web site at [www.nodak.edu/human-resources/](http://www.nodak.edu/human-resources/).

## Research Opportunities

The Office of Research Administration in Old Main 201 announces the following funding opportunities and deadlines. For more information, call 1-8908. Information about other grants is available at [www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/resadmin.html](http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/sizer/resadmin.html). Click on "Funding Opportunities."

**Department of Defense  
Multidisciplinary Research Program**  
[www.onr.navy.mil/sci\\_tech/special/onrpgadh.htm](http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/special/onrpgadh.htm)  
**Deadline: June 24 (preapplication)**  
**October 26 (proposal)**

The Multidisciplinary Research Program, one element of the University Research Initiative, supports university teams whose efforts intersect more than one science and engineering discipline. This program also encourages the training of students in science and engineering. Examples of current topics are: (1) fundamental principles in adaptive learning technology; (2) decision making under uncertainty; (3) science underpinning prime reliant coatings; and (4) programmed surface chemical assembly of functional materials.

**NIH/NCI  
Special Populations Networks for Cancer Awareness Research**  
[www.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-99-003.html](http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-99-003.html)  
**Deadline: June 11 (letter of intent)**  
**July 16 (application)**

The National Cancer Institute, Office of Special Populations Research, invites applications for cooperative agreement awards from institutions to develop and implement a variety of community-based cancer control and prevention activities. The goal is to establish a sustainable infrastructure to promote cancer awareness within minority and medically underserved communities.

**NSF/EPA  
Technology for a Sustainable Environment**  
[www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99108](http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/getpub?nsf99108)  
**Deadline: July 26**

Proposals are being invited by the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency to advance development and use of innovative technologies and approaches directed at avoiding or minimizing pollutants at the source. Research areas include chemistry for pollution avoidance or prevention; engineering for pollution avoidance and prevention; chemical processes and reaction engineering; simulations, modeling, sensors and feedback techniques for pollution avoidance and prevention; and industrial ecology.

**National Endowment for the Humanities  
Division of Preservation and Access**  
[www.neh.gov/html/applying.html](http://www.neh.gov/html/applying.html)  
**Deadline: July 1**

The Division of Preservation and Access provides leadership and support for a sustained national effort to create, preserve and increase the availability of resources that assist research, education, and public programming in the humanities. The programs included in this initiative are: (1) Preserving and Creating Access to Collections; (2) The National Heritage Preservation Program; (3) Education and Training Programs; (4) Research and Demonstration Projects; and (5) Research Tools and Reference Works.

## Calendar

### May

- 12 "Laboratory and Chemical Safety Short Course," 9-11:30 a.m., Memorial Union Ballroom.
- 13 Chemistry—Randy Halcomb, University of Colorado at Boulder, will present a seminar at 3:45 p.m., Dunbar 152
- 13 Dr. Michael Jorgensen, of Jorgensen Chiropractic, "Sitting on the Job," 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Memorial Union Ballroom
- 13 Farewell reception for Karen Iverson, Student Health Service pharmacist, 2-4 p.m., Memorial Union Meadow Lark Room
- 31 Memorial Day, administrative offices closed, no classes

### June

- 1 Administrative offices open, classes resume
- 4 Last day of four-week classes
- 7 On-site registration for standard eight-week summer courses
- 7-11 North Dakota State FFA Association Convention held at NDSU
- 8 Classes begin
- 21-24 Extension Youth Conference held at NDSU

### July

- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Independence Day holiday, administrative offices closed, no classes
- 6 Administrative offices open, classes resume
- 30 Last day of summer classes



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